

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 13, lines 18-29:

The waveform data may be compressed in any methods insofar as data stream of an audio signal is compressed, but preferably, the waveform data is compressed in a method in which data is compressed at a high compression rate, such as the MP3 (~~MPEG-1~~ MPEG-1 Audio Layer 3) method, the AAC (MPEG-2, Advanced Audio Coding) method, the TwinVQ (Transform-domain Weighted Interleave Vector Quantization), the ATRAC (Adaptive Transform Acoustic Coding Coding) method, and the ADPCM (Adaptive Differential Pulse Code Modulation) method. However, the decoder 24 should be designed suitably for the adopted compression method at least.

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